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Draft report

Chapter __. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held its second preparatory session from 28 January to 8 February 2002, as recommended by the Commission on Sustainable Development in its decision 2001/PC/1. The Committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___) and a number of informal meetings.

2. At the 1st meeting, on 28 January, the Chairman of the Commission at its tenth session, Emil Salim (Indonesia), opened the session and made an opening statement.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the World Summit on Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

4. At the same meeting, presentations were made by the following representatives: Germany, on the results of the International Conference on Freshwater, held at Bonn from 3 to 7 December 2001; Iceland, on the results of the Reykjavik Conference on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem, held at Reykjavik from 1 to 4 October 2001; Iceland, on the results of the First Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities, held at Montreal, Canada, from 26 to 30 November 2001; Canada, on the results of the International Pollution Prevention Summit, held at Montreal, Canada, from 18 to 20 October 2000; the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification on the results of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification held at Geneva from 1 to 12 October 2001; the secretariat of the United Nations Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held at Marrakesh from 29 October to 10 November 2001; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on the results of the Global Conference on Oceans and Coasts at Rio+10, held in Paris from 3 to 7 December 2001 and the results of the Extraordinary Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, held in

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Paris on 10 and 11 December 2001; and Austria, on the results of the second meeting of the Global Forum on Sustainable Energy, at Laxenburg, Austria from 28 to 30 November 2001 and the results of the Environmental Workshop on Transport and Energy organized by the Central European Initiative, held at Vienna on 15 and 16 November 2001.

5. At the same meeting, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made a statement.

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 28 January, statements were made by the Chair of the Regional Preparatory Committee for Europe, the Chair of the African Preparatory Conference, the Bureau Chair for the Asia Pacific Regional Preparatory Committee Meeting, the Chair of the West Asia Arab Regional Preparatory Committee, the Chair of the Regional Preparatory Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations.

7. At the 3rd meeting, on 29 January, statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme; the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization; the Executive Director, of the United Nations Environment Programme; the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity; the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility; the Vice-President of the Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Network of the World Bank; and the Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

8. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and Secretary-General of the World Summit on Sustainable Development made a concluding statement.

9. At the 8th meeting, 1 February, the President of the United Nations Foundation addressed the Commission.

10. At the 10th meeting, on 4 February, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the World Summit on Sustainable Development addressed the Commission.

11. At the 12th meeting, on 6 February, the Commission held a special panel discussion entitled "The Media and Sustainable Development". Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, acted as Moderator. Statements were made by the following panellists: Snuki Zikalala, Executive Editor of News, South African Broadcasting Corporation, South Africa; Barbara Pyle, former Vice-President for Environmental Programming, Turner Broadcasting, United States of America; Tim Hirsch, Senior Environmental Correspondent, British Broadcasting Corporation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Jim Laurie, Vice-President, News and Current Affairs, Star Television, China; and Simone Duarte, New York Bureau Chief, Globo Television, Brazil. Mr. Tharoor also made an oral report to the Preparatory Committee on the communications activities of the Department of Public Information for the Summit.

12. At the 13th meeting, on 7 February, the representatives of Indonesia and South Africa made statements on the state of preparations for the Ministerial Preparatory Committee and the Summit, respectively.

B. Agenda and organization of work

13. At its 1st meeting, on 28 January, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.17/2001/PC.2/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Comprehensive review and assessment of progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the other outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as well as of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21.

3. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its second session.

14. At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee approved the requests for accreditation of the European Space Agency, the

International Energy Agency, the Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference, the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Consultative Group for International Agriculture Research, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation and Intergovernmental Forum for Chemical Safety, as intergovernmental organizations, to participate in the preparatory committee and the Summit with the status of observers.

C. Attendance

15. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex __ to the present report.

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D. Documentation

16. The documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at its second preparatory session are listed in annex ___ to the present report.

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